

## ALL HAIL TO ALLAH

Russell Webb Explains How He Became a Mohammedan.

## WHY POLYGAMY IS VIRTUOUS

Plan of Campaign by Which We Are to be Made Believers in the Koran—The Money.

When I arrived in New York on the 10th of last February I found that the object of my mission had been widely announced in the newspapers. Many treated the unheard of advent of a Mohammedan missionary in America as a huge joke and as nothing more than a subject for the wit of the paragon of wit and the cartoonist. In a short time the journalists came to better understand me and the work which I proposed to do, and the resulting discussion has borne fruit already in aiding to destroy the twin foes of ignorance and intolerance.

Call the attempt to propagate Islam in America "a dastardly canard," or what you will, I have made more converts during these six months than any Christian missionary to a Mohammedan country has ever made in as many years. Requests from the artists and the judge upon the bench for literature which will throw more light upon the doctrines of Islam have come in great numbers from all parts of the country. There are now six circles formed for the purpose of the study of the Koran, three in New York, one in Brooklyn, one in Washington, and one in Pueblo, Col. I expect that there will be one in every large city in the country as soon as the hot months are over. To be a member of a circle does not necessarily imply a belief in Mohammedanism. Indeed, I do not seek to make converts by the "foreign" process which is so often used by American missionaries in India. I am here simply to teach the truths of Mohammedanism and to destroy the delusions concerning it which are held by most Christians. My converts have converted themselves. In many instances I have never seen them personally.

It is not difficult to explain how I became a Mohammedan. As soon as I reached maturity I began the study of the various religions and of the mysteries of life and death. The possession of some knowledge created a thirst for more. Desiring to personally investigate the workings of the Mohammedan religion, I secured through the kindness of President Cleveland, in 1885, the consularship at Manila in the Philippine Islands. The little time I had to spare outside of my official duties I spent in the pursuit of further enlightenment. There could be but one result. My investigations made me a thorough Mohammedan.

Why? Because I found the morals of the followers of Allah were better than those of the people of our own Christian America. Because there is nothing about the traditions or prophecies of Mohammedanism incapable of proof. Because its higher philosophy is the most perfect in the world. Because there is nothing of superstition, bigotry or intolerance about it. And because I believe it can accomplish in America what Christianity has so long attempted and so signally failed in doing. I am here to teach its beauties, its philosophy and its salvation.

I am often asked who furnishes the money to carry on this work in America. There are rich and devout Mohammedans as well as rich and devout Christians. Wealthy Indian merchants have pledged themselves to support the mission for a period of five years. At the end of that time I have no doubt that funds for the future will be forthcoming.

I am not the first ex-Christian to preach in a Christian land. Lawyer William H. Quillian became converted to the faith during a sojourn to Morocco and returned to lay the foundation of the present Mohammedan colony in Liverpool. Many Americans may not know that there is a Mohammedan colony in Liverpool.

I wish that you may visit the east as I have visited it; that you may meet and know those devout men who leave their business, no matter how important it may be, when the hour for prayer arrives. His brothers of Islam, friends and strangers alike, are always welcome to eat at the Mohammedan table and to sleep upon his mat. He is not suspicious that he will be robbed. He does not spend his time in the enjoyments of this world. He does not seek wealth and position with that greediness which characterizes the eastern people. He considers this earth but a brief stopping place, a period of preparation for the world to come, and upon this principle is fashioned all of his habits and actions of his life.

One can scarcely open an American newspaper that he does not read of some revolting instance of man's or woman's immorality or disloyalty. For years the Christian church has fought crime and misery and immorality, but crime and misery and immorality still exist, yes, are even increased. We never see an honest woman upon the streets of a Mohammedan city. We never witness any of those revolting scenes common to our own cities. The bearded, filthy, disgusting creatures, bereft of all of the nobler instincts of manhood and womanhood, who come before the judges of our police courts in New York, could not exist in a Mohammedan city.

I am a Believer in Polygamy. Before you throw up your hands in horror wait until you have heard what I can say. To teach polygamy is not for the present a part of my teachings here. It is not now, and it never has been, one of the doctrines of Islam, although it is not forbidden. The Mohammedan husband makes only one of the women of the harem his real wife. The remainder are merely dependents, who have found a home in his house. They receive the shelter of his roof, eat of his food and are clothed by him. They become companions to his wife and enjoy a pure social atmosphere. In this is better than the Christian way of throwing the woman upon the streets to earn a livelihood by a means against which the soul of a woman possessing even a tith of purity revolts.

During the winter I shall lecture throughout the country upon the religion of the east. Beginning this summer week we shall begin an entire

campaign to propagate the doctrine of Islam. Several devout Mohammedans from the east will aid me with my work during the winter. Hajee Abdullah Arab, one of the wealthy merchants of whom I have already spoken, will be among them. He is a peculiarly eastern fellow about it. He was a wealthy man's son. While yet a young man he gave all of his money to charity and for several years lived as a hermit in the woods, existing upon the most frugal diet possible and devoting himself to the study of his religion. At the request of his friends he returned to the world again and inside of a year had amassed a second fortune. He owns several iron steamers, has houses in Bombay, Jedda and Medina and transports many of the pilgrims to and from Mecca during the annual "Hajj."

I expect the arrival of Moolia Mirza Kahn next week. He comes to remain permanently in America to assist in the good work. He brings with him a cook, an English clerk, a Moulvi and a Hafiz. The latter two names need an explanation. A Moulvi is a person versed in the Arabic language and a Hafiz is one who is able to repeat the Koran from beginning to end from memory, a truly wonderful accomplishment, even the critical Christian must confess. My other visitors this winter will be Hajee Rhamtullah, Hajee Dawood and Moulvi Hassan Ali. It is possible also that Hajee Mohammed Abdus Salam Sahib, of Madras, a wealthy merchant and brother of the Turkish consul there; Jan Mohammed Ganjee, a well-to-do merchant of Calcutta, and Hajee Haroon Jaffer Yusuf, a very wealthy merchant of Poona, may also be here during the fall or winter.

Many persons have asked me why the name "Mohammed" is placed before my name. It is the custom among Mohammedans to name their children after the prophet or one of the saints or khalifs of the early days of Islam. When a Christian is converted he retains his own name but adds a Mohammedan name to it. When I was in Rangoon, Burmah, the Mohammedans assembled in the grand mosque on Megal street and selected for me the name "Abdullah," which means servant of God. But when I reached Bombay, Mohammedans there thought that I should have a more honorable title, so it was arranged to bestow upon me the name of "Mohammed," which is the most honored of all Mohammedan names. It is difficult to convey in English a correct idea of its meaning, but it may be said to mean in a limited sense the material expression of the light of divinity, the comforter which Jesus said would come to his followers after his death.

Like all Mohammedans, I believe that Jesus was a true prophet as well as Mohammed, and one need not relinquish his faith in Christ in order to become a Mohammedan. The Nameless Himself prophesied the coming of the Arabian.

I feel certain that the converts I have made will be lasting ones. They will not "backslide" after the fashion of three-fourths of the Mohammedan converts to Christianity. The ones who come into the fold of Allah are thinking Christians, while only the meanest and most ignorant Mohammedans constitute those "saved" through the Christian missionaries in the Orient.

In hot weather of midsummer impurities in the blood may seriously annoy you. Expel them by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5.

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at the  
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September 13th and 14th.  
**HALF FARE**  
to  
**CHICAGO**  
via  
**C. & W. M. RY.**

On Sept. 12th the C. & W. M. RY. will sell tickets to Chicago and return at one way fare for the round trip, good ten days, including date of sale, via St. Joseph and boat \$3.00 and via New Buffalo, all rail, \$5.00.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Grand Rapids at 7:25 a. m., Sept. 12th, arriving at Midway Plaisance, World's Fair Grounds, at noon.

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Every patriotic Michigander should make it a point to be there, if possible, to help in the celebration, and make it the greatest of the year, for "MICHIGAN IS A GREAT STATE."

Other celebrations during the week will be:  
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## KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in all drug stores and is sold by mail. It is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

rates, train time, etc., for all above dates, and arrange to go and help celebrate.

Geo. De Haven,  
Gen. Pass. Agent.

When in the city and you want a good meal, try Dixon's restaurant.

**Sufferers from Piles**  
Should know that the Pyramid Pile Cure will promptly and effectually remove every trace of them. Any druggist will get it for you.

**\$5-10.**  
The Lake Shore Ry. will run a special train to Chicago Sept. 12. One fare for round trip.

**It is Strange**  
That people suffering from Piles will endure them for years or submit to dangerous, painful, cruel and expensive surgical operations, when all the time there is a painless, certain, lasting cure, which gives instant relief and costs but a trifle. It is called the Pyramid Pile Cure and can be found at all druggists. Any druggist will get it for you if you wish.

## LEGAL

**PROBATE ORDER**—State of Michigan, county of Kent, ss.: At a session of the Probate Court for the said county, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 6th day of Sept., 1911, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, the undersigned, Judge of Probate, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of the late Edward H. Perkins, deceased, as the same appears from the records of said court.

It is ordered that on Friday, the 8th day of October, 1911, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said probate office, be appointed for the examination and allowance of said account and the hearing of said petition.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive times prior to said day of hearing, in the Grand Rapids Herald, a daily newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent.

**CRUIS E. PERKINS,**  
Judge of Probate.  
(A true copy.)  
HARRY D. JEWELL, Register. dat sep 21

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—The circuit court for the county of Kent, in chancery. Singer, Mack & Co., plaintiffs, vs. Anna Singer, defendant. At a session of said court, held at the court house in the city of Grand Rapids on the 13th day of August, in the year 1911, the undersigned, Judge of Probate, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of the late Edward H. Perkins, deceased, as the same appears from the records of said court.

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## Lost Columns

## STOLEN.

**STOLEN**—A Victor bicycle, model D, 1908, Pattern No. 11333, last seen on the 1st of Sept. at 10:30 p. m. Will pay reward for its return or information that will lead to its return to Will S. Cooper, Herald office.

**HELP WANTED—FEMALE.**  
WANTED—Experienced girl to work on coats. A. Eschbach, 241 Monroe street, corner North Division.

**WANTED**—A dining room girl at the Michigan house.

**HELP WANTED—MALE.**  
WANTED—Man to handle lubricating, linoleum and oil and other work. No objection to odd work by day. Inquire at 112 Jackson street, up stairs.

**WANTED**—Position as stenographer, secretary, or general office man, wage moderate, good references. Address C. H. E. Carey, Dillon & Co., city.

**WANTED AGENTS.**  
AGENTS WANTED—We guarantee you can make \$25 to \$50 a month working for us in any locality. Will pay salary or commission as preferred and expenses. Money deposited in bank to cover same when started. If you are out of work with nothing coming out of your pocket and if you follow our instructions your success is sure. The people will have our goods, no matter what the season. But sales reported everywhere. All required of you is a little pluck and push. We furnish sample outfit free. Write today for particulars before all valuable territory is taken. Address Standard Sales Bureau Co., Boston, Mass. 17.

**WANTED**—In every town in Michigan, agents and salesmen for high quality and household specialties. Call or address with references, the Spry-Tyler Co., 111 Grand street, Detroit, Mich.

**FOR RENT—ROOMS.**  
NICE, furnished front rooms, with bath, gas and hot water, at 251 Cherry street, Jefferson avenue.

**TO RENT**—Two suites front rooms with all modern conveniences, with or without bath. 221 Jefferson avenue.

**FURNISHED ROOMS** for housekeeping on the ground floor, furnace heat, gas and bath and spring water. 212 Hartfield, opposite Boston street school.

**FOR RENT**—Room, on ground floor, with or without bath. 115 Westwood street.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished rooms in the West-end block, steam heated, gas and bath room. No. 125 South Division street. 436-47.

**FOR RENT—HOUSES.**  
FOR RENT—10-room modern house on Union street, all in good repair; \$30 a mo. Also one on Park avenue for \$25, and a suit of rooms on Grand street, all in good repair.

**FOR RENT—BUSINESS.**  
92 CANAL STREET for rent. John K. Martin, 10 Canal street.

**FOR SALE OR LEASE ON EASY TERMS**—A hotel with furniture and first-class bar, with complete fixtures attached; best of location in the city; ready to go at once. Address F. F. Fox, 203 Herald office.

**FACTORY FOR RENT**—After July 1st will rent our three-story and basement brick building, No. 24 Erie street, central location, gas and electric light, power, elevator, steam heat; low rate insurance. Apply to Russell Carpet Sweeper Co., 22 Mill street.

**FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.**  
FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A five year old road motor, top buggy and harness, at half price; or would exchange for some other property. Inquire of W. E. Neahr, 410 Grand street, 540 Ottawa, or 365 East Bridge street.

**FOR SALE—Cheap**, two gas heaters, one 10 foot heater; also eight window shades, 10 foot wide, all nearly new. 32 Westwood street.

**FOR SALE—Vaults**, safe, living rooms, complete, Lakewood, Mich.; population 1,200. Inquire, R. F. Kennedy, local attorney.

**FOR SALE**, best market outfit; tools, blocks, scales, kettles, complete; a great bargain. F. A. Warner, 55 Michigan street, building 1125.

**HORSES**, hack and harness for sale. John C. Martin, 10 Canal street.

**FOR SALE**—One of the finest saloons in the city; location corner Division and Fulton streets; Porter block. Will be sold cheap for a party having money. D. M. Anderson & Bro.

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—Upright piano, North Front street.

**FOR SALE**—My entire store of furniture and miscellaneous household goods; a new house and large lot corner of Union and Carver streets; house and lot No. 129 Madison street; vacant lot on Christ street; farm of ten acres on 21st street; city lots; new building and all kinds of fruit; will sell or exchange for other property. A. A. Lord, No. 18 Jackson street.

**WANTED—BOARDS.**  
GOOD HOTEL—Cool room only \$4 to \$5; transients, \$1.50; bath from 10 to 15 cents. No. 30 Spring street. Guarantee as good fare as any \$1.50 homes.

**BUSINESS CHANCES.**  
To \$15 per day at home, selling Lightning 505 Plaster and plastering supplies, water, etc. Also, the finest of jewelry and all kinds of goods with gold, silver or nickel. No experience. No capital. Every home has goods needing plastering. D. K. Nelson, Columbus, 17.

**DO YOU WANT MONEY?**—If you will find it to your advantage to see us before borrowing.

We make loans on household goods, pianos, horses, wagons, or personal property of any kind at the lowest possible rate and in the quickest possible time.

Our loans are made without publicity and the property remains in your individual possession.

Loans can be carried as long as desired except in case of fire, or in case of loss of property, and any part paid reduces cost of carrying the loan.

If you own a house, on furniture, piano or other property, we will pay it up for you, and carry as long as you desire.

We also make loans on the building and loan association plan.

Our offices are the most pleasant in the city and are so arranged that parties calling upon us may be waited upon quietly and confidentially.

Remember that you have the use of both the property and the money and can return the money at any time.

**GRAND RAPIDS MORTGAGE LEND CO.**  
Corner of Monroe, Pearl and Canal streets.

**MONEY LOANED** for short time in large or small amounts on any form of good security. Frank A. Warner, 55 Michigan street, building 1125.

**CRACK TALL**  
YES WE DO

Let you wear the goods while paying for them. Let us take the goods and you pay for them. Let us take the goods and you pay for them.